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Letter dated 17 October 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present, 16 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (1998-1999) are the following:

	United States dollars
Burundi	159 706.48
Central African Republic	260 643.00
Comoros	766 452.00
Georgia	6 038 657.00
Guinea-Bissau	412 752.00
Haiti	17 646.00
Iraq	11 129 038.00
Liberia	1 018 308.00
Mauritania	164 533.00
Niger	279 105.00
Republic of Moldova	2 247 141.00
Sao Tome and Principe	543 152.00
Seychelles	137 405.00
Somalia	944 552.00

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	United States dollars
Tajikistan	2 146 236.00
Yugoslavia	14 105 547.00

(*Signed*) Kofi **Annan**
Secretary-General